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TO: Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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From: Concerned Citizen & Guitar Lover

Regarding: Gibson Patent Application 20040144241

Dear Commissioner:

I am a guitar lover and also in the guitar industry as a small (very small) producer, and am shocked at Gibson's patent application for a digital guitar. They are doing a 'kitchen sink' patent for things that have long since been marketed. Not only does prior art exist, but actual marketed product exists for:

- a digital guitar (Roland first made one in the 70s)
- a wireless guitar (Micro-Frets Inc made one in 1968).

In the past, Gibson has tried to lock out people on designs and inventions that were not rightfully created or invented by them. They are a litigious company – so much so that I have to write this anonymously for fear of a reprisal (one call from them and my distribution would phase me out). Right now the industry needs an open digital/wireless standard, and not some lock-out, false-patent design that Gibson didn't even invent. I hope you flatly reject their patent application.

Thank you,

A concerned citizen